

James Brown House  
M:23-76  
Montgomery County, Maryland

The property known as the James H. Brown House is located at the end of a long drive on the south side of Greenbridge Road, east of its intersection with New Hampshire Avenue in northeastern Montgomery County. The property occupies a 20-acre parcel of land overlooking Brighton Dam and includes a 19th-century log and frame farmhouse and its attendant buildings.

The main dwelling was originally constructed circa 1858 by James Brown as a 1-1/2-story log structure. This structure was later added onto, becoming the rear wing of a side-passage frame dwelling. It was further altered by the addition of a wrap-around, enclosed porch that compromises its original massing. The property includes several historic outbuildings, including a log smokehouse from the 19th century. Although the property retains several of its historic outbuildings, the primary residence has been significantly altered and no longer retains the integrity necessary to meet the criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-76

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1. Name of Property

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historic name James H. Brown House

common/other name Bienvenue

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2. Location

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street & number 500 Greenbridge Rd Not for publication       

city or town Brookville vicinity        state Maryland code MD

county Montgomery code        zip code 20833

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing      Noncontributing

<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>2</u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes        Name of Listing        No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	Sub: <u>Barn, corncrib</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Secondary/Smokehouse</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	Sub: <u>Barn/storage facility</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

roof gable:standing seam metal

walls log and frame: vinyl siding

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance circa 1858-late 19th century  
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Significant Dates circa 1858  
Late 19th C  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 26.64 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The James H. Brown house occupies Parcel 8 on Montgomery County Tax Map JU 343. This parcel was subdivided in 1998 from the larger Parcel 105.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

This parcel is part of a larger parcel which has been associated with the property since the construction of the house on the site in circa 1858.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kimberly Williams/Michele Naru, Architectural Historians  
organization M-NCPHC date January 14, 1999  
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3403  
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910

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12. Property Owner

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name Richard and Bonnie Kramer  
street & number 500 Greenbridge Road telephone 301 570-4208  
city or town Brookeville state MD zip code 20833

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James H. Brown House

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Montgomery County, MD

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The property known as the James H. Brown House is located at the end of a long drive on the south side of Greenbridge Road, east of its intersection with New Hampshire Avenue in northeastern Montgomery County. The property occupies a 20-acre parcel<sup>1</sup> of land overlooking Brighton Dam and consists of a complex dwelling whose oldest section dates to circa 1858, and a cohesive grouping of several domestic and agricultural buildings, including a mid-19th-century log smokehouse. Although the dwelling has been significantly altered over the years, the property, with its attendant buildings, provides a good example of a 19th-century domestic complex.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

The primary residence is a complex frame structure consisting of several parts. The oldest section, built circa 1858<sup>2</sup>, is a 1-1/2-story, gable-roofed log structure, now serving as a rear wing to the larger frame house. The main block of the house, probably built during the late 19th century, includes a two-story, two-bay frame central section covered with a gable roof. Two, two-story frame wings with gable roofs were added to either side of the main block. The entire house, built into a hillside, has undergone extensive alterations.

Exterior Description:

The main block:

Built in the late 19th century, the main block of the house faces north and is built into a sloping hillside and divided into three parts: the central section and the east and west wings. Set upon a raised stone foundation, the central section of the main block is a two-story, two-bay, side-passage frame dwelling. It is covered with a gable roof, sheathed with standing seam metal, and has walls clad with vinyl siding and new window openings. The first story consists of a side-passage entry and a set of three replacement windows, while the second story has two, single 6/6 replacement

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<sup>1</sup> A small parcel of this 20-acre tract was recently subdivided and improved with a single-family residence fronting Greenbridge Road and having the name, Hawk's Flight. The James Brown House is reached via a drive on the south side of Greenbridge Road that goes beyond the contemporary house facing the road.

<sup>2</sup> The date of construction is based upon the land purchase date and is consistent with the architecture. The dwelling is clearly indicated on the 1865 Martenet and Bond map.



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windows. The side entry, protected by a shed-roof porch, has a wood paneled door with a six-light transom and sidelights. A brick end chimney on the east end of the central section is now enclosed between the central section and the east wing.

The east wing of the house, set slightly below the central section on the decline of the hillside, is a single-bay, two-story frame structure covered with a gable roof, clad with standing seam metal. It is set upon a raised stone foundation and has all new replacement windows with 6/1 "snap-in" muntins. The windows are grouped in pairs on the first story and singly in the second story and in the basement level. The wing abuts the east end wall of the central section and is recessed only inches from the facade of it. The roof of the east wing is slightly lower than that of the central block.

The west wing is similarly a two-bay frame structure, clad with vinyl siding and covered with a gable roof, clad with standing seam metal. It is set above the central section on the hill and projects slightly in front of it. This wing includes single 6/6 windows.

Log Section:

The original section of the house is a 1-1/2-story log structure, now incorporated as the rear wing of the main block. Built circa 1858, this small structure faced east, overlooking the Patuxent River. When the two-story, central section of the main block of the house was constructed perpendicular to it, this original log structure became the rear kitchen wing. Although its original form and massing is discernible, it has been significantly altered and added onto, most notably by a 20th-century, wrap-around, enclosed porch.

The 1-1/2-story log section is set upon a stone foundation and covered with a steeply pitched gable roof. A massive stone and brick end chimney is centered on the south end wall, while a contemporary sunroom addition with large plateglass windows wraps around the east and south walls. A shed-roof wing addition projects off of the west elevation of the log structure. Two 6/6 gable dormers, cut into the boxed cornice, are located off-center of the east and west slopes of the gable roof.<sup>3</sup> The massive stone and brick end chimney has been heavily parged at the base and shoulder level. The brick shaft, laid in an all-stretcher bond,

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<sup>3</sup> These dormers were probably historically located on center, but when the main block was added to the north end of the log structure, it may have been shortened, rendering the dormers off-center.

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has been rebuilt.

**DOMESTIC OUTBUILDINGS:**

A row of several outbuildings aligns the south side of the entry drive leading to the James Brown House.

Garage: south of the house on the other side of the driveway is a long, two-story hollow tile and frame garage with attached equipment/storage sheds. 20th century date of construction.

Smokehouse: Next to the garage is a 19th-century log smokehouse. It is covered with a gable roof and has board and batten side walls over the log structure. The south elevation of the structure is not clad, however, revealing the square log notching and stone chinking. A single door is located on center of the north wall of the smokehouse.

Outbuilding: An unidentified frame structure is located next to the smokehouse. It is similarly covered with a gable roof and has board and batten walls. The north wall has a single door opening on center and single, six-light fixed windows on the east and south walls.

Hay Barn: A frame haybarn with a hay hood is located southwest of the house, towards the head of the entry drive leading back to the dwelling.

Several other buildings, including a stable, and two other barns occupy the site.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The James H. Brown farmhouse was originally constructed circa 1858 by James Brown as a 1-1/2-story log structure. This structure was later added onto, becoming the rear wing of a side-passage frame dwelling. It was further altered by the addition of a wrap-around, enclosed porch that compromises its original massing. The property includes several historic outbuildings, including a log smokehouse from the 19th century. Although the property retains several of its historic outbuildings, the primary residence has been significantly altered and no longer retains the integrity necessary to meet the criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Context:

Now a rear wing to the main block of the house, the log section of the James Brown House is believed to have been built by James H. Brown about 1858.<sup>1</sup> At the time of its construction, the James Brown House sat on 131.5 acres of land tracts referred to as "Millseat," "Hisuett's Choice," "Johnson's Choice" and "Brooke's Addition." The farmland was allotted to James Brown by the division of the real estate of his deceased father, also named James Brown, in 1855.<sup>2</sup> A two-story frame building was later added to the original log structure.

In 1891, James died, leaving a wife, Minerva, and three children: Milton, William and Sarah. The farm went to his son, William.<sup>3</sup> When William died in 1929, the farm became the property of his widow, Olive Brown, and their children, Nolan and Nellie.<sup>4</sup> In July of 1935, Olive conveyed the farm to Samantha Brown Nichols who immediately conveyed it to Walter and Beatrice Wilson.<sup>5</sup> In 1979 Walter and Beatrice Wilson sold the property to John F. Wilson and his wife, Leona P. Wilson. In the 1990s, the property was subdivided such that a small parcel of the larger, historic

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<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the land purchase date and the date that it appears on the tax records with improvements. It also appears on the county maps of 1865 and 1878.

<sup>2</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber JGH 4 Folio 516.

<sup>3</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber JA 27 Folio 122.

<sup>4</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 598 Folio 226.

<sup>5</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 608 Folio 287.

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property facing Greenbridge Road was improved upon with a contemporary "Victorian" house. The historic James Brown house, located behind the contemporary house, is currently owned by Richard and Bonnie Kramer.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):** Agricultural-Industrial  
Transition

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** Domestic

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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**CHAIN OF TITLE:**

October 22, 1855

Being the lot of land allotted to James H. Brown in the partition of the real estate of James Brown deceased, containing 131.5 acres of land.

June 2, 1891

James Hanson Brown dies, leaving his estate to his widow Minerva S. Brown and their 3 children (Milton, William F. and Sarah S.) Milton receives farm of 100 acres and relinquishes any further claim to the property of James Hanson Brown, deceased.

July 23, 1935

William F. Brown died in 1929. His estate is left to Olive Brown, his widow and his son Nolan H. Brown, intermarried with Nellie S. Brown. Liber 598 Folio 226. They gave the this portion of the original James Hanson Estate to Milton's sister Sarah S. Brown Nichols. Liber JA 27 Folio 242.

October 25, 1935

Sarah Samantha Brown Nichols and her husband Albert Nichols sold the property to Walter F. Wilson and Beatrice Wilson, wife. These three parcels of land consisted of 131.5 acres, 16 acres, and 13 acres. Liber 608 Folio 287.

September 16, 1979

Walter F. Wilson and Beatrice Wilson, wife left property to their family; Mark B. Wilson, Helen G. Wilson, Patricia I. Wilson, Edward C. Wilson, and Shirley H. Wilson. Liber 5402 Folio 616. A) 26.6458 acres part of the same land described in Liber 608 Folio 287. B) Also part of the same land described in Liber 4435 Folio 55.

November 14, 1988

Walter F. Wilson's Family sold the property to John F. Wilson and Leona P. Wilson, wife. Liber 8670 Folio 386.

**MISSING DEED**

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April 3, 1998

Ronald R. Ladue and S.P. Ladue, wife sold property to Richard Kramer and B.S. Kramer, wife. Lot #8 of Greenbridge Farm as recorded in plat 18853. Same as in Liber 8670 Folio 386. Liber 15700 Folio 532.

# JAMES H. BROWN HOUSE (M: 23-76)



Casual User Application

MNCP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

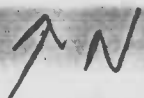
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Research & Technology Center

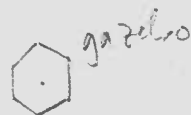
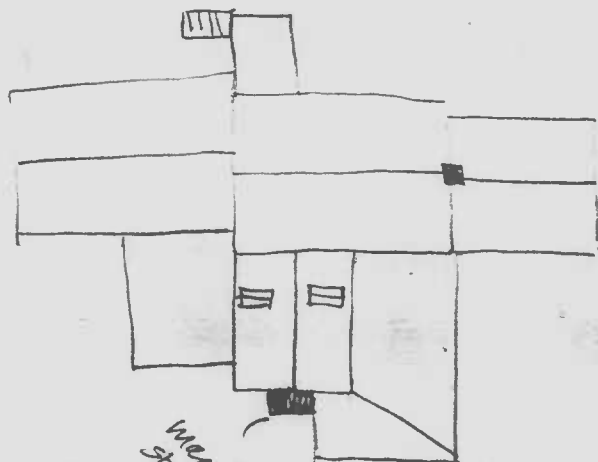




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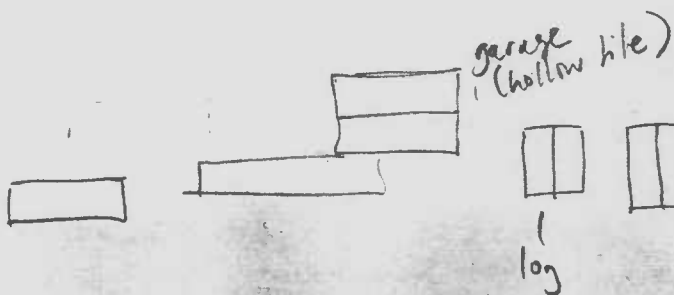
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wrought  
iron  
fence

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chimney

greenhouse

stone wall  
enclosure

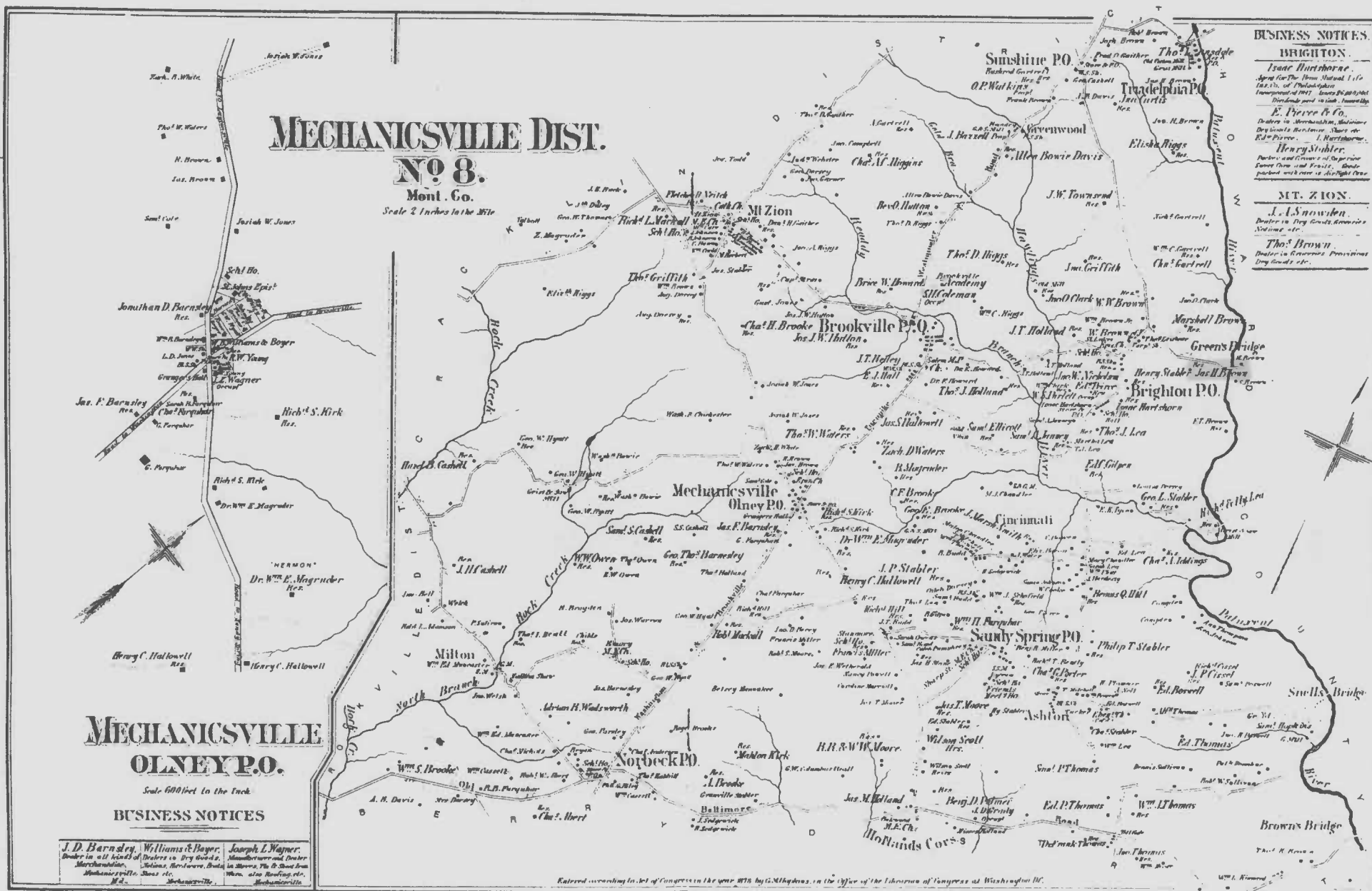


garage  
(hollow tile)

log

Brighton  
Dam



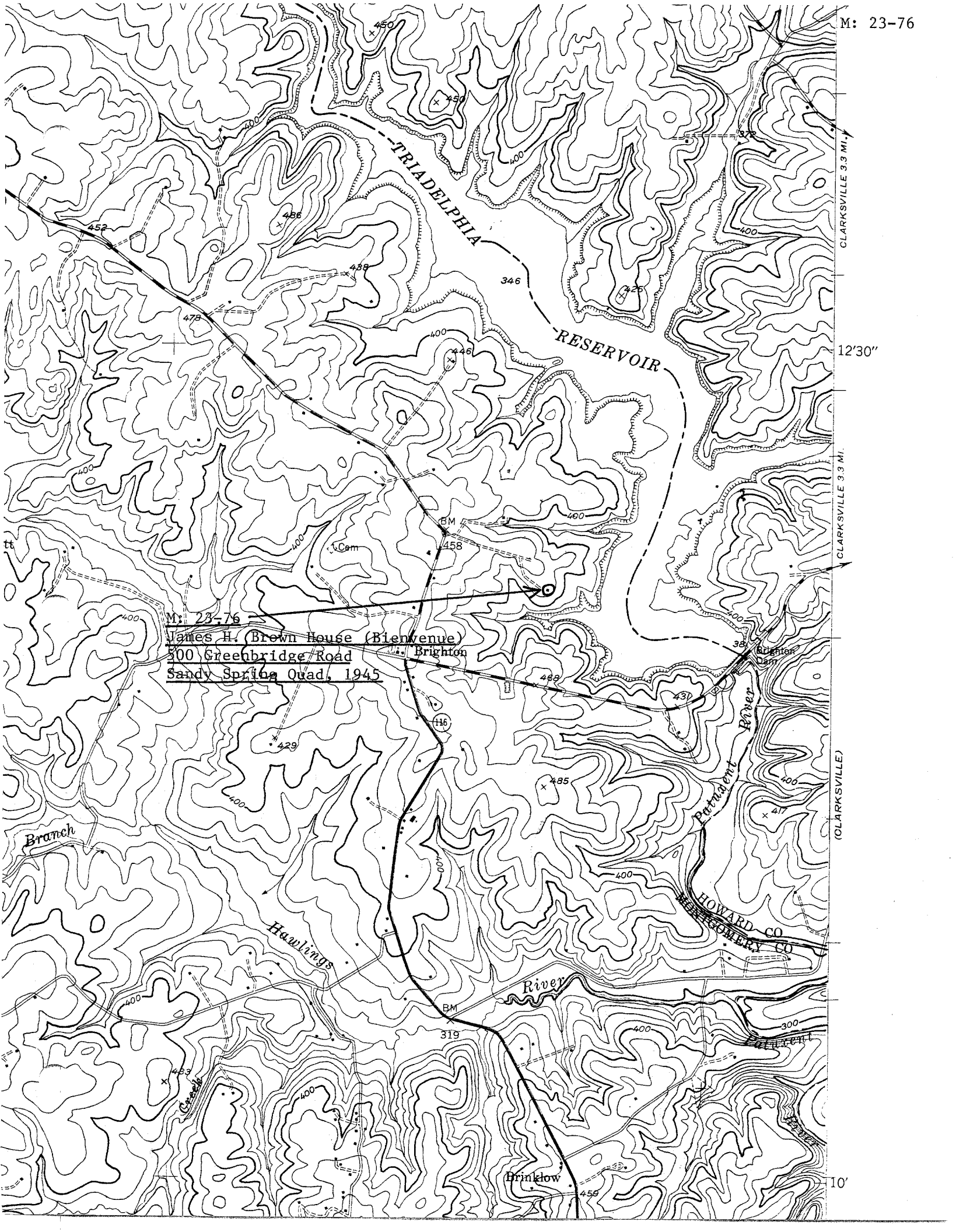


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Name: SANDY SPRING  
 Date: 7/13/99  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 10' 46.1" N 077° 01' 23.3" W  
 Caption: JAMES H. BROWN HOUSE (M: 23-76)  
 500 Greenbridge Rd.



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 James H. Brown House (Bienvenue)  
 500 Greenbridge Road  
 Sandy Spring Quad, 1945

12'30"

CLARKSVILLE 3.3 MI.

(CLARKSVILLE)

10'



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JAMES H. BROWN FARM

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

K. WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 26, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO

NORTHEAST OBLIQUE

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JAMES H BROWN FARM  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 26, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO  
SOUTHEAST OBLIQUE

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JAMES H. BROWN FARM  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD  
KIMBERLY WILLIAMS  
OCTOBER 26, 1998  
MARYLAND SHPO  
SOUTH ELEVATION  
30FW



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JAMES H. BROWN FARM  
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KIMBERLY WILLIAMS  
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VIEW OF OUTBUILDINGS, LOOKING NW  
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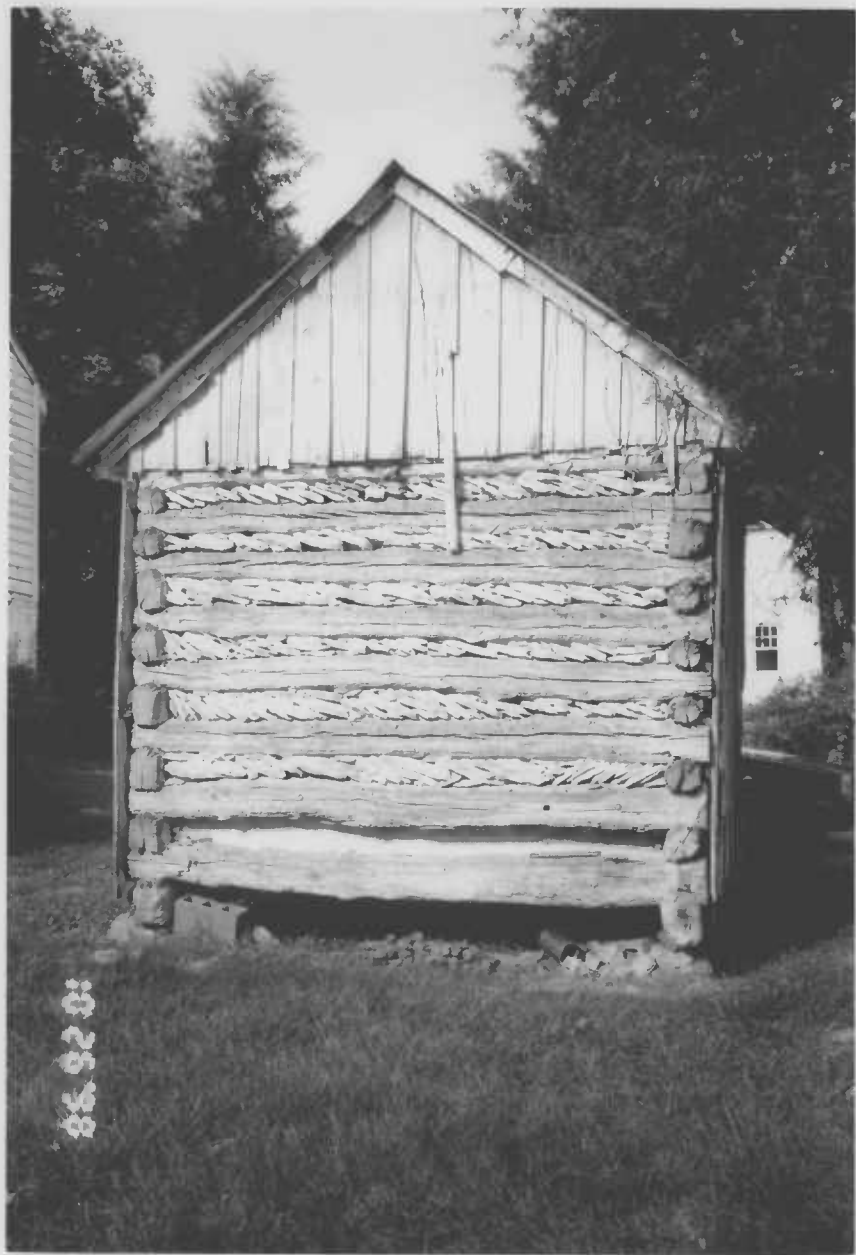
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VIEW OF OUTBUILDINGS, LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 26, 1998

MARYLAND, SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION OF LOG OUTBUILDING

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**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic James H. Brown House

and/or common Bienvenue

**2. Location**

street &amp; number 500 Green Bridge Road

not for publication

city, town Brookeville

vicinity of

congressional district

8th

state

Maryland

county

Montgomery

**3. Classification****Category**☐ district  
☐ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object**Ownership**☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process  
☐ being considered  
☐ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied  
☐ unoccupied  
☐ work in progress**Accessible**☐ yes: restricted  
☐ yes: unrestricted  
☒ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture  
☐ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment  
☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military☐ museum  
☐ park  
☒ private residence  
☐ religious  
☐ scientific  
☐ transportation  
☐ other:**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John F. &amp; L.P. Wilson

street &amp; number 500 Green Bridge Road

telephone no.:

city, town Brookeville

state and zip code Maryland, 20729

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House

liber 5402

street &amp; number

folio 616

city, town

Rockville

state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976

☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town

Rockville

state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a 2 story building with an older 1-1/2 story log section. On the south end is a large stone fireplace with a brick stack. The facade has two bays and had a porch across the first floor of the facade. There are newer wings on either end.</p> <p>The interior had an entrance hall with staircase at the back, rising toward the front. There is a room to the east of the hall with a closed-in fireplace. Behind this is the new kitchen with the stone chimney.</p> <p>There is a smokehouse, a cellar and the foundation for a well-house (now with a greenhouse sitting on it) on the site.</p> <p>The house has been extensively altered by the outbuildings are still in a reasonably preserved state.</p>	

## 8. Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa. 1858

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The James H. Brown farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The early one and a half story log section of the house is believed to have been built by James H. Brown about 1858.<sup>1</sup> The house then sat on 131.5 acres of land tracts referred to as "Mill-seat," "Hisuett's Choice," "Johnson's Choice" and "Brooke's Addition." The farmland was allotted to James by the division of the real estate of his deceased father, also named James Brown, in 1855.<sup>2</sup> A two story frame building was later added to the original log structure.

In 1891, James died intestate leaving a wife, Minerva, and three children; Milton, William and Sarah. The farm went to his son, William.<sup>3</sup> When William died intestate in 1929, the farm became the property of his widow, Olive Brown, and their children, Nolan and Nellie.<sup>4</sup> In July of 1935, Olive conveyed the farm to Samantha Brown Nichols who immediately conveyed it to Walter and Beatrice Wilson.<sup>5</sup> The farm has been in the Wilson Family ever since. It is presently resided in by Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the land purchase date and the date that it appears on the tax records with improvements. It also appears on the county maps of 1865 and 1878.

<sup>2</sup>Deed JGH 4/516, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>3</sup>Deed JA 27/122, "

<sup>4</sup>Deed 598/226, "

<sup>5</sup>Deed 608/287, "

<sup>6</sup>Deed 5402/616, "

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:23-76

Montgomery County Land Records

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 26.64 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Commission

date 10/82

street &amp; number

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Bienvenue				
AND/OR HISTORIC: James H. Brown				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 500 Green Bridge Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brighton				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> <b>Yes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: W. F. Wilson				
STREET AND NUMBER: 500 Green Bridge Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brighton		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2 story building with an older 1-1/2 story log section. On the south end is a large stone fireplace with a brick stack. The facade has two bays and had a porch across the first floor of the facade. There are newer wings on either end.

The interior had an entrance hall with staircase at the back, rising toward the front. There is a room to the east of the hall with a closed-in fireplace. Behind this is the new kitchen with the stone chimney.

There is a smokehouse, a cellar and the foundation for a well-house (now with a greenhouse sitting on it) on the site.

The house has been extensively altered by the outbuildings are still in a reasonably preserved state.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 5/10/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME #23-76 JAMES H BROWN HOUSE (BIENVENUE)

LOCATION GREEN'S BRIDGE RD BRIGHTON DAM, MD

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